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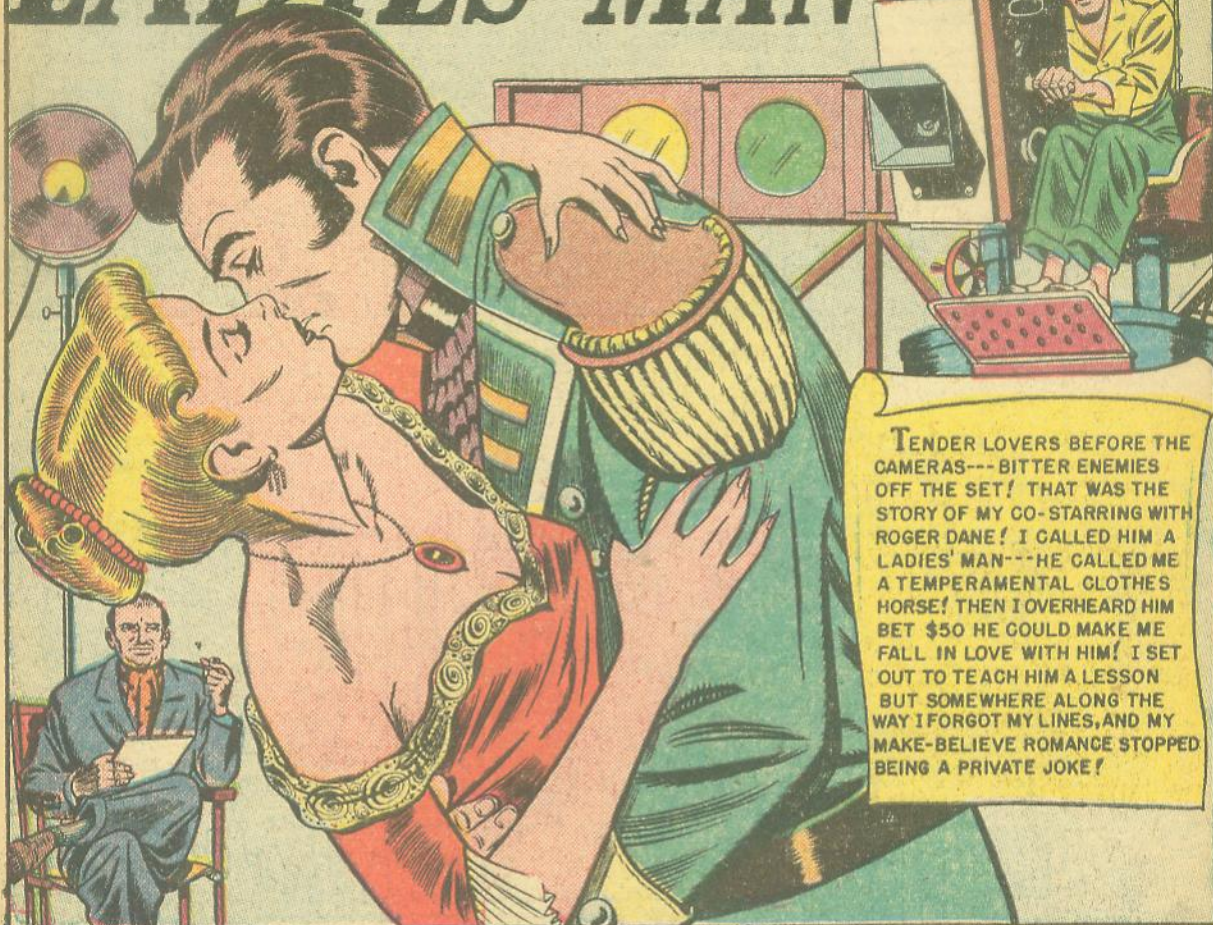
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LADIES' MAN

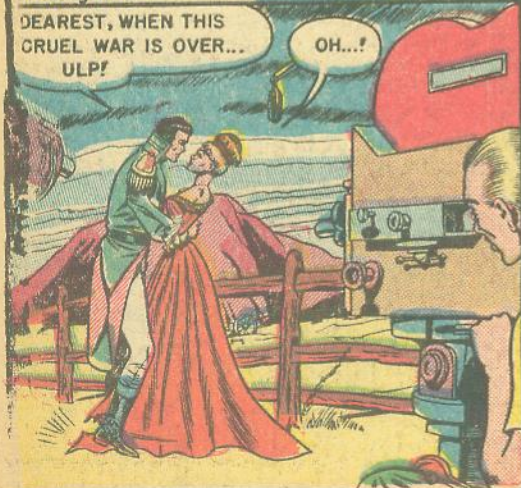


TENDER LOVERS BEFORE THE CAMERAS---BITTER ENEMIES OFF THE SET! THAT WAS THE STORY OF MY CO-STARRING WITH ROGER DANE! I CALLED HIM A LADIES' MAN---HE CALLED ME A TEMPERAMENTAL CLOTHES HORSE! THEN I OVERHEARD HIM BET \$50 HE COULD MAKE ME FALL IN LOVE WITH HIM! I SET OUT TO TEACH HIM A LESSON BUT SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY I FORGOT MY LINES, AND MY MAKE-BELIEVE ROMANCE STOPPED BEING A PRIVATE JOKE!

We were shooting "Heart of France" when it all began...

DEAREST, WHEN THIS CRUEL WAR IS OVER...
ULP!

OH...!



YOU STUPID, CLUMSY OAF!
IF YOU'D PAY MORE
ATTENTION TO
ACTING AND
LESS TO YOUR
MOOING FEMALE
FANS...

CUT! HERE GOES
ANOTHER SCENE! HOW
CAN I KEEP A SCHEDULE?



DIREC

I WON'T DO ANOTHER SCENE WITH THAT CLOWN!

BUT LYNN...! PLEASE, MISS LEE...!

OH, LET HER ALONE!

IF SHE DIDN'T THROW TANTRUMS EVERY DAY, HOW WOULD ANYBODY KNOW SHE WAS AN ACTRESS? THERE'S NO OTHER EVIDENCE OF IT!

WHY, YOU—YOU... **LADIES' MAN!** I SHOULD THINK YOUR FACE WOULD GET TIRED OF SUPPORTING YOU! IT'S YOUR ONLY ASSET!

THIS IS ABSOLUTELY THE LAST PICTURE I'LL EVER MAKE WITH THAT TAILOR'S DUMMY!

STICK AROUND, SAM! SHE'LL BE BACK WHEN HER GOWN IS MENDED! YOU WON'T CATCH HER WALKING OUT ON A CHANCE TO HAM FOR THE BOYS!

By the time my gown was repaired, I was over the worst of my blow-up but I still despised Roger Dane!

IT'S MENDED, MISS LEE!

THANKS, LUCY! I'LL GO FINISH THE SHOOTING— BUT I'LL NEVER DO ANOTHER PICTURE WITH HIM!

OH, THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH LYNN THAT A GOOD, HEART-WRENCHING LOVE AFFAIR COULDN'T CURE! SHE'S JUST TOO SELF-CENTERED!

WHY, THAT'S ROGER DANE NOW! HOW DARE HE TALK ABOUT ME BEHIND MY BACK?

YEAH? I'D LIKE TO SEE ANYBODY CRACK THE ICE AROUND THAT DOLL'S HEART, ROG? NOT EVEN YOU COULD GET A QUIVER OUT OF HER!

WANT TO BET? I COULD HAVE LYNN LEE PURRING LIKE A KITTEN IN TEN DAYS, MAC!

I stood there listening, watching, shaking with burning anger!

I'LL SEE THAT BLUFF, DON JUAN! FIFTY BUCKS IF YOU TAME THE WILD-CAT!

RIGHTO! SHE'LL BE HEAD-OVER-HEELS IN LOVE IN TEN DAYS— OR YOU'RE FIFTY TO THE GOOD!

I started forward, intending to explode my fury on their heads! And then I stopped....!

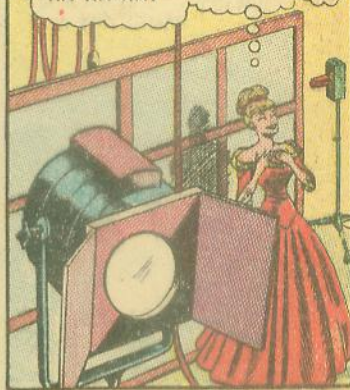
I'LL TELL THOSE GRINNING HYENAS PLENTY! I'LL... NO, WAIT! I'VE GOT A BETTER IDEA—A *MUCH* BETTER IDEA!



I'LL LET MR. ROMEO ROGER THINK HE'S SUCCEEDED! I'LL BE SWEET AND MELTING AND TENDER AND NEVER LET HIM GUESS HOW I'M LAUGHING INSIDE!

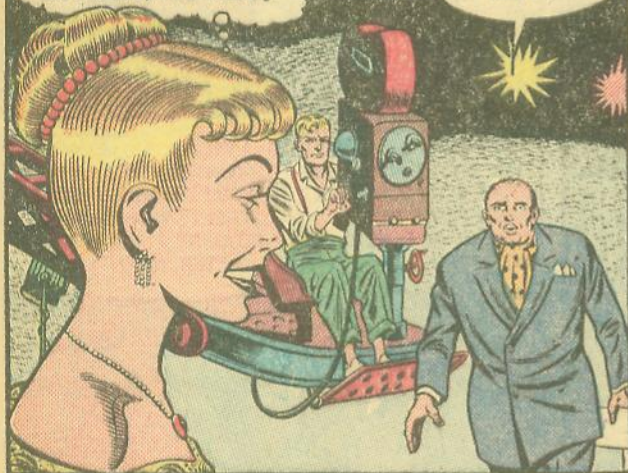


THEN WHEN HE'S SMUG AND TRIUMPHANT--I'LL LAUGH RIGHT IN HIS SILLY, HANDSOME FACE! I'LL MAKE HIM THE JOKE OF THE STUDIOS! THE GREAT LOVER! HA-HA-HA!



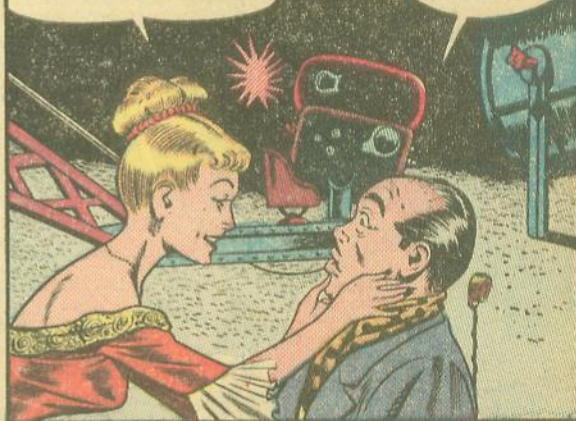
HE THINKS HE'S SO IRRESISTIBLE! IT'LL BE FUNNY, WATCHING HIM GUSH AND SIGH AND GO THROUGH ALL HIS CHEAP ROMANTIC TRICKS, THE HEEL!

AH, HERE'S OUR STAR, NOW! FEEL BETTER, BABY?



OF COURSE, SAM! I WOULDN'T WANT TO UPSET YOUR ULCERS ANY MORE! I KNOW ROGER DIDN'T TEAR MY GOWN INTENTIONALLY!

ULP! THAT I SHOULD LIVE TO SEE THIS DAY!



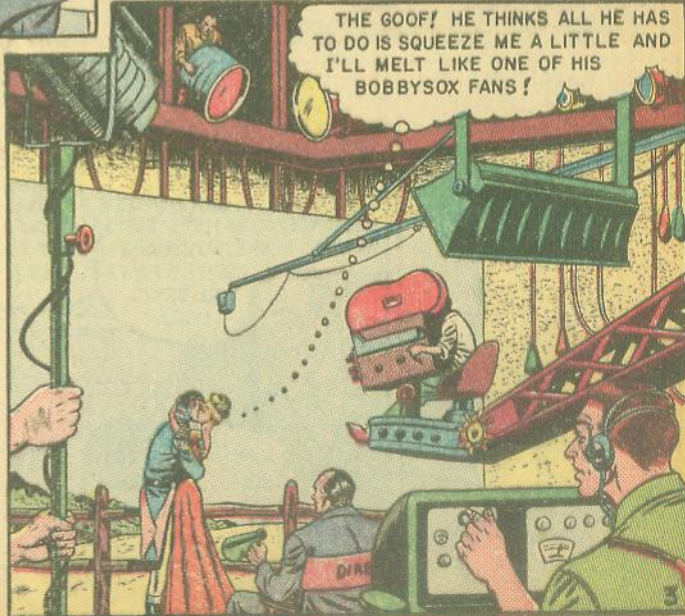
I was making myself be sweet! The sooner Roger Dane thought he had tamed me--the sooner I could have my laugh on him!

I'M READY, ROGER! I PROMISE AND *PLEASE* TRY YOU, LYNN, NOT TO BLOW UP I'LL BE THE ANOTHER SCENE VERY *SOUL* OF GRACE AND AGILITY! CROSS MY HEART!

When Roger took me in his arms this time, his embrace was a bit more tender, his kiss a bit warmer! I laughed inside!



THE GOOF! HE THINKS ALL HE HAS TO DO IS SQUEEZE ME A LITTLE AND I'LL MELT LIKE ONE OF HIS BOBBYSOX FANS!



GREAT! WONDERFUL! YOU TWO HAVE NEVER DONE A FINER SCENE! I'M HAPPY LIKE ALL GET-OUT!

IT WAS LYNN, SAM! WHEN SHE REALLY TURNS ON HER CHARM, EVEN A FENCE POST COULD ACT TENDER AND ROMANTIC! SHE'S SUPERB!

The toughest acting job I ever faced was to play up to Roger's phony romance without giggling!

LYNN, I OWE YOU MORE THAN JUST APOLOGIES! WHY--WHY, I THINK I'D LIKE THAT, ROGER! BUT WON'T YOU LET'S FORGET APOLOGIES AND JUST ENJOY OUR ARMISTICE! I CAN AT LEAST TRY TO ATONE FOR MY CLUMSINESS! I'LL MEET YOU OUTSIDE!

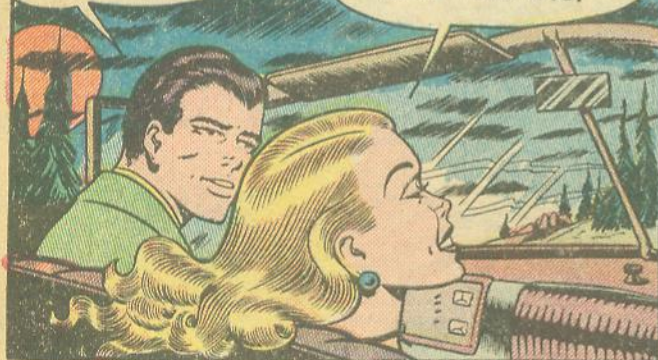


I ONLY KNOW OF ONE THING THAT WOULD BE FUNNIER THAN THIS SITUATION AND THAT WOULD BE TO MAKE ROGER REALLY FALL IN LOVE WITH ME! WHAT A REVENGE THAT WOULD BE!

Roger helped me into his car as if I were a queen!

I'LL TAKE YOU TO A LITTLE OUT-OF-THE-WAY SPOT I'VE FOUND WHERE NO HOWLING AUTO-GRAPH HUNTERS CAN HECKLE US!

OH, DON'T BOTHER ON MY ACCOUNT, ROGER! I CAN STAND IT IF YOUR FANS WANT TO MOB YOU! AFTER ALL, YOU'RE THEIR IDOL!



DON'T MENTION THOSE WILD-EYED LITTLE MONSTERS, LYNN! IF MY CONTRACT DIDN'T FORCE ME TO APPEAR IN PUBLIC SO OFTEN...

WHAT? YOU MEAN YOUR CONTRACT IS WHAT MAKES YOU PARADE AROUND THE STREETS WITH THOSE HOWLING GIRLS TAGGING AFTER YOU?



HEAVENS, YES! IF I DON'T MAKE PUBLIC APPEARANCES THREE NIGHTS A WEEK, I BREAK MY CONTRACT! BUT I'LL NEVER SIGN FOR THAT AGAIN!

WELL, I'LL BE DARNED! I THOUGHT YOU WERE HAM ENOUGH TO GO FOR THAT PAWING ADULATION BY CHOICE! I OWE YOU AN APOLOGY!

I was still mulling over that surprise when we reached our destination, a tiny little basement cafe in an out-of-the-way neighborhood!

WELL, SIGNOR DANE, THIS IS A SURPRISE! FOUR NIGHTS A WEEK YOU COME HERE BUT ALWAYS ALONE, TO ESCAPE WOMEN! NOW YOU BRING ONE!

SHE'S A VERY SPECIAL WOMAN, LUIGI! I DON'T WANT TO ESCAPE HER!



ANGELO! NICK! SERVICE FOR OUR FAVORITE CUSTOMER! AND A BOTTLE OF OUR BEST WINE!

ALL I CAN SAY IS--I'LL BE DARNED! HOW I'VE MISJUDGED YOU, ROG!



Afterward we danced---to the music of a jukebox! I hadn't danced to anything but a big-name band in years!

FUNNY, AFTER ALL THE PICTURES WE'VE CO-STARRED IN ---THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE EVER DANCED TOGETHER!

I KNOW! I NEVER DARED GET THIS CLOSE TO YOU BEFORE, FOR FEAR YOU'D HAVE A HATCHET UP YOUR SLEEVE!

FUNNY HOW WE BATTLED!

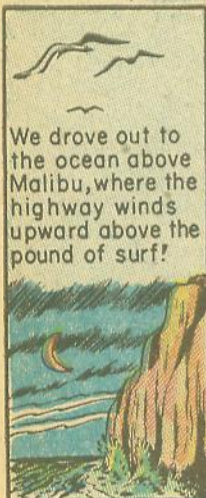
I had never acted more tender and melting but inside I was laughing raucously! Or *was* I?

YOU MAY NOT BELIEVE THIS, LYNN, BUT I'VE WANTED TO HAVE AN EVENING LIKE THIS WITH YOU FROM THE FIRST TIME I SAW YOU!

HMM! FOR A PROFESSIONAL ROMANCER, YOU'VE BEEN AWFULLY SHY ABOUT LETTING ME IN ON YOUR YEARNINGS!

Very suddenly I discovered that I'd forgotten about the grand joke I was supposed to be enjoying!

HEY, SNAP OUT OF IT, SUCKER! THIS IS NO TIME TO GET SOFT! DO YOU WANT THAT PHONEY LOTHARIO TO WIN HIS BET HANDS DOWN?

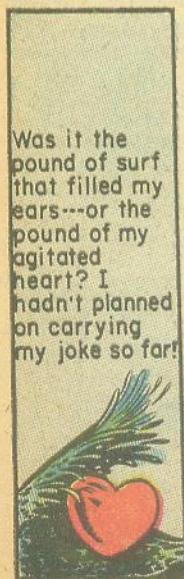


We drove out to the ocean above Malibu, where the highway winds upward above the pound of surf!

I SUPPOSE IT'S CORN, LYNN, BUT THE MOONLIGHT SEEMS TO FILL YOUR HAIR AND EYES WITH SPECIAL STARS! I COULD WISH ON ONE OF THOSE STARS!

TRY IT! I USED TO WISH ON A STAR---AND SOMETIMES MY WISH CAME TRUE!

THIS ONE JUST DID!



Was it the pound of surf that filled my ears---or the pound of my agitated heart? I hadn't planned on carrying my joke so far!

I-I THINK YOU'D BETTER TAKE ME HOME, ROGER! IT'S LATE!

TERRIBLY LATE, LYNN! WHEN I THINK OF THE MONTHS I'VE WASTED WITHOUT DARING THIS, I COULD KICK MYSELF!



We didn't talk on the way home! I was all mixed up inside! I hadn't meant to let my make-believe romance take on such reality!

DARLING, TOMORROW NIGHT I HAVE TO BE A FOOTBALL FOR MY FANS! MAY I SEE YOU WHEN THAT'S OVER? IT WON'T BE TOO LATE!

I DON'T KNOW, ROGER! I'LL LET YOU KNOW TOMORROW ON THE SET!



My head was spinning, my heart pounding! Something had happened to me, something that made me furious, yet wanting to sing!



I'VE GOT TO SNAP OUT OF THIS! WHAT'S COME OVER ME? I WENT INTO THIS WITH MY EYES WIDE OPEN! BUT I DIDN'T KNOW THEN HOW WARM AND HUMAN AND WONDERFUL ROGER COULD BE!



THERE! THERE'S FIFTY DOLLARS! TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT IT, YOU LITTLE FOOL! THAT'S WHAT YOU MEAN TO HIM---FIFTY DOLLARS AND A GOOD LAUGH!



I'LL GO WITH HIM TOMORROW NIGHT! I HATE HIM! I'LL MAKE A FOOL OF HIM AND I'LL LAUGH IN HIS FACE BEFORE EVERYBODY!



The next day I was poisonously sweet, while I tried to shut out the ache in my heart!

LYNN, I'M SORRY!

PINCH ME, SOMEBODY! I MUST BE DREAMING!



I told Roger I'd be waiting for him that night!

YOU'RE EARLY! I THOUGHT YOU SIGNED AUTO-GRAPHS UNTIL MIDNIGHT!

I SLIPPED AWAY FROM THE SHE-WOLVES THIS TIME! CONTRACT OR NO CONTRACT, I'VE GOT MORE IMPORTANT BUSINESS TO TRANSACT!



I'M NOT PLAYING BIG BAD WOLF, LYNN, BUT I'D LIKE YOU TO COME OVER TO MY BACHELOR PLACE FOR A MINUTE! I HAVE SOMETHING TO SHOW YOU!

WHY-WHY, I'D BE GLAD TO, ROGER! I'VE NEVER SEEN YOUR HOUSE!



NEITHER HAS THE PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT! I PUT A CLAUSE IN MY CONTRACT THAT MY HOME LIFE WAS PRIVATE --NOT TO BE PUBLICIZED!

THAT'S RIGHT! COME TO THINK OF IT, I'VE NEVER READ NOR HEARD A WORD ABOUT YOUR PRIVATE LIFE! THEY BUILT THAT AS A ROMANTIC MYSTERY, TOO!



I was surprised at the quiet taste of Roger's home! Somehow, on his salary, I had expected elegance and gaudiness!

WE'RE GOING UP TO MEG'S ROOM, HENRY!

VERY GOOD, MR. DANE!



Then we walked through a door and into the shock of my life!

YAWWWN! HELLO, UNCLE ROGER! I KNEW YOU'D BE BACK TO KISS ME GOOD-NIGHT!

OF COURSE, HONEY! AND I WANT YOU TO MEET SOMEONE VERY SPECIAL...



LYNN, MEET MEG--THE MOST MISCHIEVOUS LITTLE SCAMP WHO EVER TAMED A BACHELOR!

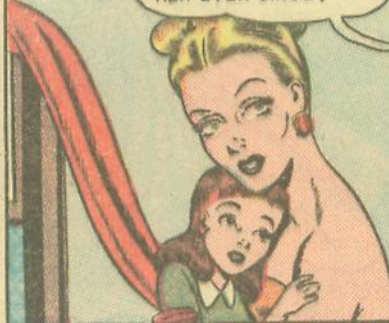
HUG ME! NO PRETTY LADIES HUG ME ANY MORE EXCEPT NURSIE!



Somehow I found my voice! It sounded queer through the pounding of my heart and the numbness of my brain!

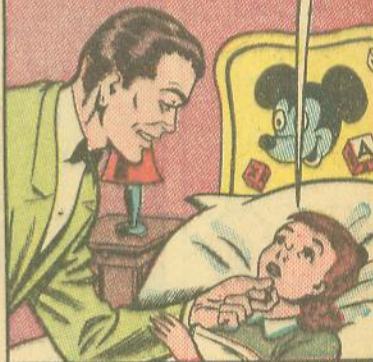
SHE'S---SHE'S LOVELY, ROG! BUT---

MY SISTER'S LITTLE GIRL! HER MOTHER AND FATHER WERE ON ONE OF THE LAST SHIPS SUNK IN THE WAR! I'VE RAISED HER EVER SINCE!



GO TO SLEEP NOW, DARLING! I'LL TRY TO PERSUADE LYNN TO VISIT YOU AGAIN WHEN YOU'RE WIDE AWAKE!

I HOPE SO, UNCLE ROGER! I GET LONE-SOME!



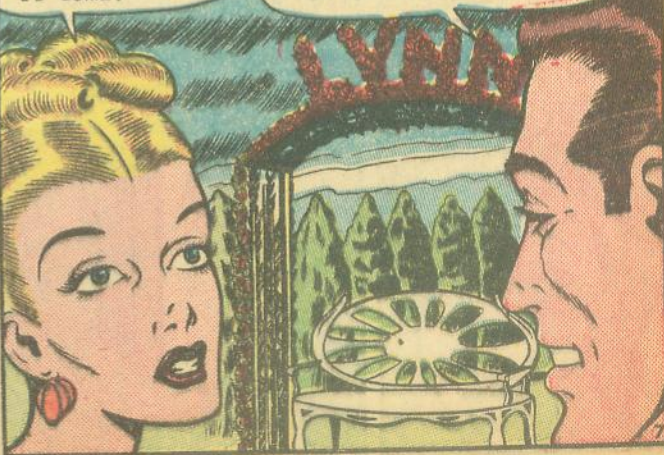
Still dazed, I let Roger lead me down to a lovely garden...

THIS IS MY HOBBY, LYNN! I PUTTER AROUND IN THE GARDEN IN MY SPARE TIME! COME SEE THE SPECIAL BOWER I BUILT!



WHY---WHY, IT HAS MY NAME IN FLOWERS! WHEN DID YOU FIX THAT? YOU DIDN'T EVEN KNOW I'D COME!

I FIXED THAT LONG AGO, LYNN--WHEN I COULD ONLY HOPE YOU'D COME SOME DAY! I'VE WAITED A LONG AND LONELY TIME FOR YOU TO DISCOVER IT!



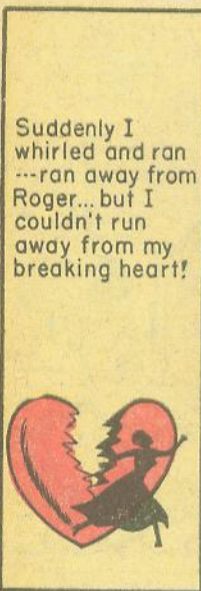


YOU SEE, DEAR, I'VE BEEN IN LOVE WITH YOU SINCE THE FIRST TIME I SAW YOU! BUT YOU ALWAYS SEEMED TO HATE ME SO BITTERLY!

NO! YOU CAN'T MEAN IT! STOP...!

I DO MEAN IT, LYNN! I'M A BACHELOR WITH FIFTY MILLION ADMIRERS AND A LONELY BABY! WOULD YOU CONSIDER MARRYING SUCH A COMBINATION?

STOP IT! IT ISN'T FAIR! YOU HAD NO RIGHT TO BRING ME HERE!



Suddenly I whirled and ran ---ran away from Roger... but I couldn't run away from my breaking heart!



LET ME GO! I CAN'T STAND ANY MORE OF IT! I HATE YOU!

LYNN! PLEASE, DARLING...!

I ran all the way home! And then in my room...

LIAR! CHEAT! *THAT'S* HOW BAD YOU WANT ME! FIFTY DOLLARS' WORTH! HOW LOW CAN SOME PEOPLE STOOP TO WIN A FILTHY BET?



HE WANTS AN ANSWER, DOES HE? I'LL GIVE HIM MY ANSWER--TOMORROW ON THE SET! IN FRONT OF EVERYBODY! AND I'LL LAUGH IN HIS LYING FACE! SOB!



I cried most of the night, but by the time I was back to the set, my tears were exhausted and only my bitter anger remained!

LYNN, I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU! I HAD SOMETHING MORE TO SAY LAST NIGHT, BUT YOU RAN AWAY TOO SOON!

DO TELL ME, *DARLING!* I'M DYING TO HEAR WHAT IT IS!



IT'S ABOUT THAT FIFTY-DOLLAR BET, DEAR!

GO AHEAD, FLAUNT IT IN MY FACE! YOU W-WON IT FAIRLY--- IF THAT GIVES YOU S-SATISFACTION! YOU TH-THOUGHT I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THAT!



OF COURSE I KNEW, DEAR! WE SAW YOU COMING IN THAT MIRROR! MAC KNEW HOW I FELT AND AGREED TO HELP ME BY PRETENDING TO MAKE THAT BET!

SORRY YET YOU PRETENDED YOU L-LOVED ME! YOU CHEAT!

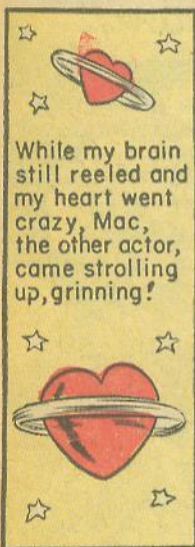


YES, LYNN! I THOUGHT YOU'D BE SO FURIOUS YOU'D DECIDE TO PLAY ALONG AND HOPE TO TRAP ME---JUST AS YOU DID!

I-I DON'T UNDERSTAND! WHY...?



YOU HAD ME SO WRONG, DEAR! I HOPED IF YOU'D GIVE ME HALF A CHANCE TO BE WITH YOU, I COULD PROVE HOW DIFFERENT I REALLY AM! IT WAS A TRICK BUT NOT WHAT YOU THOUGHT!



While my brain still reeled and my heart went crazy, Mac, the other actor, came strolling up, grinning!



IS IT A DEAL, ROG? I PUT THE FIFTY INTO ORCHIDS FOR THE LUCKY GIRL, THE WAY YOU TOLD ME!

THEN IT'S TRUE! YOU---YOU DID DO IT JUST TO GET ME TO LISTEN TO YOU AND STOP FIGHTING EVERY TIME WE MET!



OH, ROGER, I'VE BEEN SUCH A FOOL---SUCH A SILLY, TEMPERAMENTAL IDIOT! HOW COULD YOU WANT SUCH A BAD-TEMPERED BRAT?

I CAN'T HELP MYSELF, DEAR! MEG FELL FOR YOU AND I PROMISED SHE COULD HAVE YOU FOR A MOTHER!



I LOVE HER, ROG! SHE'S A SWEET, WONDERFUL LITTLE GIRL! I'LL LIKE BEING A MOTHER TO HER!

THEN LET'S CALL IT A DEAL AND GET TO WORK! WE'RE USING UP EXPENSIVE SHOOTING TIME WITH THIS SPARRING AROUND!



Star of TOMORROW

OH, DARLING GREG!
PLEASE DON'T LOOK AT
ME LIKE THAT! I CAN'T
AFFORD TO FALL IN
LOVE--NOT NOW!

EVERY NIGHT GREG CAME TO THE SUMMER
THEATRE TO WATCH ME PERFORM, BUT I
WAS DETERMINED NOT TO LET HIS LOVE
CAST A SHADOW ACROSS MY FUTURE! NOTHING
...NOT EVEN LOVE... WOULD PREVENT ME FROM
BECOMING HOLLYWOOD'S BRIGHTEST
STAR OF TOMORROW!

THERE'S MY
FAVORITE STAR
... FOR ALWAYS!

GREG WAS A PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL
PLAYER WHO HAD COME UP FOR A VACATION
BEFORE JOINING HIS TEAM! BUT HE GAVE
MY LIFE NEW MEANING!

YOU'RE GREAT BEHIND
THE FOOTLIGHTS, JAYNE!
BUT I LIKE YOU BETTER
LIKE THIS... WITH THE
LIGHTS IN YOUR EYES
SHINING FOR ME
ALONE!

I... I GUESS
I'D FEEL LOST
IF I CAME OUT
AFTER A SHOW
AND DIDN'T
FIND YOU
HERE!

TOMORROW NIGHT, JAYNE,
I WON'T BE WAITING
FOR YOU!

OH!



SUDDENLY HE STEPPED IN FRONT OF ME AND PLACED HIS HANDS TENDERLY ON MY SHOULDERS! HIS FACE WAS CLOSE TO MINE AS HE LOOKED DEEP INTO MY EYES!

I JOIN THE TEAM, TOMORROW, JAYNE! WE MUST START PRACTICING FOR OUR OPENING GAME! I... I WANT YOU TO COME WITH ME... AS MY WIFE!

PLEASE DON'T TALK LIKE THAT, GREG!

I TRIED TO TURN AWAY, BUT GREG GRIPPED MY CHIN AND HELD IT FIRMLY!

YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT MY CAREER, GREG!

I'M MORE INTERESTED IN HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT ME!

DO YOU LOVE ME, JAYNE? PLEASE ANSWER HONESTLY!

SIGH YES! I LOVE YOU, GREG! BUT IF WE MARRY I'M SURE WE WON'T BE HAPPY! I'LL ALWAYS BE THINKING THAT YOU TOOK AWAY MY CHANCE FOR SUCCESS!

BUT WHAT ABOUT OUR CHANCE AT HAPPINESS? IF WE MISS IT, HONEY, WE MAY NEVER BE GIVEN ANOTHER!

GREG, PLEASE! I CAN'T THINK WHEN YOU HOLD ME LIKE THIS!

I FEEL THAT ANY DAY NOW MY BREAK WILL COME! EVER SINCE I TOOK THAT SCREEN TEST A FEW WEEKS AGO, I'VE BEEN HOPING AND PRAYING...

EVEN IF THE TEST IS SUCCESSFUL, IT'S NOT A GUARANTEE OF HAPPINESS, JAYNE!



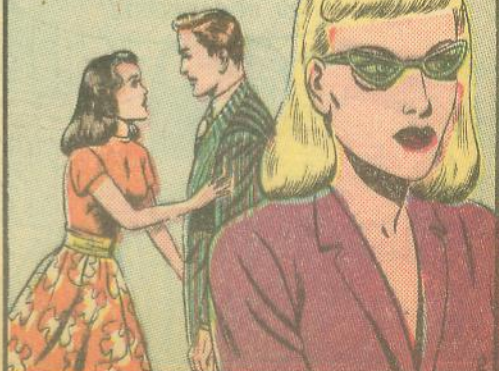
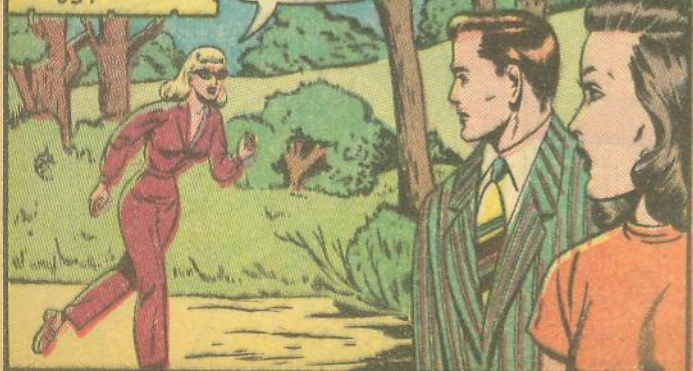
GREG WAS RIGHT, BUT I WOULDN'T ADMIT IT! AND I WAS GRATEFUL WHEN GRACE, MY ROOMMATE, INTERRUPTED US!

SORRY TO INTRUDE, KIDS! BUT BLAISDELL OF PARAGON PICTURES IS BACKSTAGE LOOKING FOR YOU, JAYNE!

BLAISDELL! HE'S THE ONE WHO ARRANGED MY SCREEN TEST!

PLEASE EXCUSE ME FOR A FEW MINUTES, GREG!

I GOT A HUNCH IT'LL BE MORE THAN A FEW MINUTES! BUT I'LL BE WAITING!



ON MY WAY TO BLAISDELL, I KEPT THINKING OF WHAT GREG HAD SAID... THAT EVEN IF THE TEST WAS SUCCESSFUL, IT WAS NO GUARANTEE OF HAPPINESS!

THIS MAY BE YOUR BIG BREAK, HONEY!

YES!

I HOPE IT DOESN'T BREAK MY HEART!

STAGE DOOR

AS BLAISDELL TALKED, I LISTENED... TOO STUNNED FOR WORDS.

...SO ON THE STRENGTH OF YOUR SCREEN TEST, PARAGON HAS A CONTRACT FOR YOU TO SIGN... WITH THE USUAL OPTIONS!

YES, MR. BLAISDELL!

I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING YOUR ROLES IN SUMMER STOCK! DO AS WELL IN FRONT OF A CAMERA, AND YOU'LL BE A STAR!

THANK YOU, MR. BLAISDELL! I'LL DO MY BEST!

I COULDN'T WAIT TO TELL GREG THE GOOD NEWS... THOUGH I WONDERED HOW HE'D TAKE IT!

I'VE BEEN SIGNED BY PARAGON, GREG! I LEAVE FOR HOLLYWOOD IN A FEW DAYS!

AFTER SEEING YOUR FACE SO BRIGHT AND HAPPY, I KNEW YOU'D BEEN GIVEN YOUR CHANCE!

GREG... GREG, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT... WELL, THAT YOU'RE THE BEST THING THAT EVER HAPPENED TO ME!

CORRECTION, HONEY! LET'S SAY I'M THE SECOND BEST! HOLLYWOOD COMES FIRST!

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AS WE NEARED MY ROOMING HOUSE, I SUDDENLY WAS CHOKED UP!

PLEASE DON'T TALK LIKE THAT, GREG!

FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS I'LL BE TIED UP! BUT ONCE THE FOOTBALL SEASON IS OVER, I'LL BE HEADING HOLLYWOOD WAY... TO COURT YOU IN EARNEST!

I WASN'T DELUDING MYSELF! I KNEW... IF WE DID MEET AGAIN... THINGS WOULDN'T BE THE SAME BETWEEN US!

THIS IS GOODBYE ...FOR A WHILE, HONEY!

GOOD LUCK, GREG!

GOODBYE, MY LOVE!

FROM THE MOMENT THAT I SAID GOODBYE TO GREG, I TOLD MYSELF THAT I MUST THINK ONLY OF MY CAREER! BUT ON THE TRAIN TO HOLLYWOOD, I FOUND MYSELF THINKING MORE OF GREG THAN OF MY POSSIBLE SUCCESS AS A MOVIE STAR!

OH, GREG! IT'S SO LONELY WITHOUT YOU!

MY FIRST ROLE WAS SMALL! I WAS A MAID, AND MY ONLY SPEAKING PART WAS WHEN I ANSWERED THE PHONE! STILL I WAS THRILLED... I WAS IN THE MOVIES!

GREG WILL SEE ME IN THIS PART! I WONDER IF HE'LL LIKE IT!

AFTER MY FIRST DAY AT THE STUDIO, AS SOON AS I RETURNED TO THE SMALL BUNGALOW I HAD RENTED, I WROTE A LONG LETTER TO GREG...

"I WAS IN FRONT OF THE CAMERA, TODAY, GREG! AND I'VE BEEN ASSURED MANY MORE AND FATTER ROLES!"

BUT THE WEEKS PASSED WITHOUT ANOTHER CALL FOR WORK! IN THE MEANTIME, GREG WAS MAKING HEADLINES AS THE GREATEST FOOTBALL STAR OF THE SEASON...

I CAN'T LET YOU KNOW I'M A FLOP, GREG! THAT'S WHY MY LETTERS HAVE BEEN FULL OF LIES... ALL TELLING OF THE SUCCESS I'LL PROBABLY NEVER KNOW!

AND THEN CAME THE SHOCK FOR WHICH I BELIEVED I HAD BRACED MYSELF! I GOT A CALL TO GO TO MY AGENT'S OFFICE...

SORRY, JAYNE! BUT THE STUDIO HASN'T PICKED UP YOUR OPTION! I'M TRYING SOME OTHER ANGLES!

THANKS FOR TRYING!

GUESS I'LL TRY CENTRAL CASTING AS AN EXTRA!

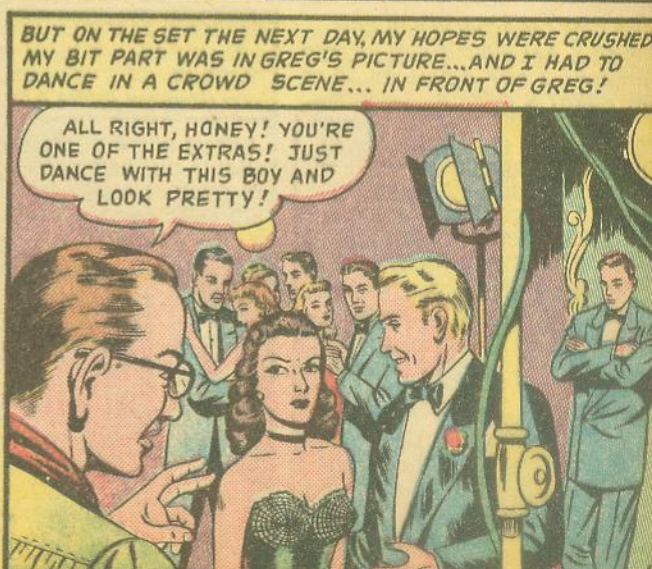
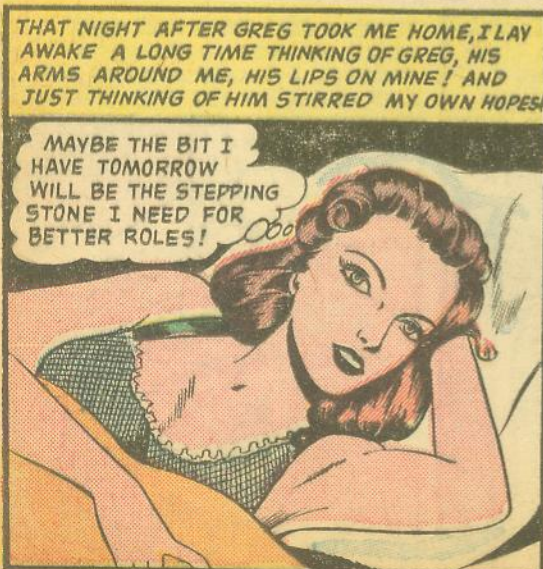
DEJECTED, I LEFT MY AGENT'S OFFICE! AND AS I WALKED TOWARD A NEWS-PAPER STAND, THE HEADLINES I SAW GAVE MY PRIDE A CRUSHING BLOW!

GREG'S IN THE HEADLINES AGAIN! OH! HE'S BEEN SIGNED TO STAR IN A PICTURE ABOUT HIS LIFE! HE'LL BE HERE IN HOLLYWOOD!

I COULD ONLY THINK THAT GREG WOULD DISCOVER THAT I WAS A FAILURE... A FAILURE WHO LIED AND LIED IN ALL MY LETTERS TO HIM!

BUT I'M GLAD FOR YOU MY DARLING! I REALLY AM!

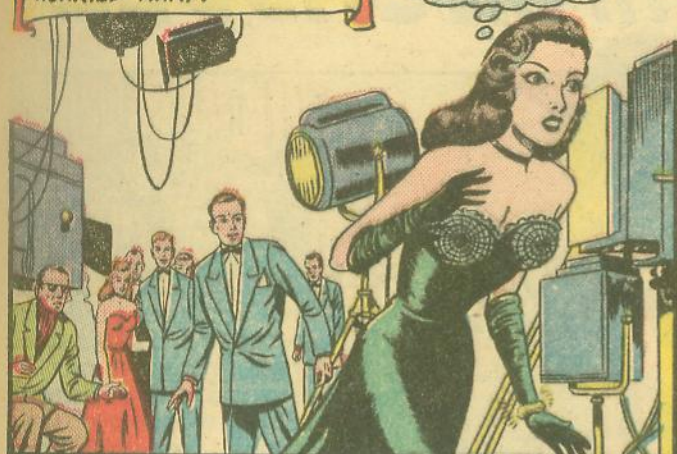




I COULDN'T GO THROUGH WITH IT! MY HUMILIATION WAS TOO GREAT... AND I COULD FEEL GREG'S EYES ON ME AS I HURRIED AWAY!

IF ONLY I HAD TOLD HIM...IT WOULDN'T BE SO BAD NOW!

I WENT HOME AND LET THE TEARS SPILL OUT, WASHING AWAY THE BAD TASTE OF ALL THE LIES I HAD TOLD! BUT THE TEARS COULDN'T WASH AWAY MY HUMILIATION!



I WISH YOU HADN'T COME, GREG! NOT... NOT JUST YET!

WHY NOT? MUCH AS I LOVE YOU, HONEY, I'M HONEST ENOUGH TO TELL YOU THAT YOU'RE NOT MUCH OF AN ACTRESS!

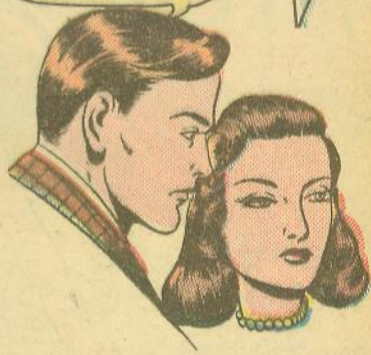
CURIOUSLY, HIS WORDS DID NOT OFFEND ME! HIS TONE WAS TOO LIGHT, FRIENDLY!

I REALIZED YESTERDAY THAT YOU WEREN'T A SUCCESS AS AN ACTRESS! YOU PUT UP SUCH A BIG FRONT, I FIGURED YOU WERE ON THE SKIPS!

AND YOU DIDN'T MIND?

MIND? I'M GLAD, HONEY! I DON'T CARE ABOUT ACTING! A JOB IS JUST A JOB! AND IF A JOB DOESN'T BRING HAPPINESS, I THINK IT'S TIME TO GET ANOTHER!

BUT ALL THE LIES I TOLD!



YOU WERE ACTING...OR THOUGHT YOU WERE! BUT THAT'S OVER! I'M THROUGH PLAYING PRO BALL! AND AS SOON AS THIS PICTURE IS FINISHED, I'M HEADING FOR A NICE SLEEPY COLLEGE TOWN WHERE I'LL BE THE COLLEGE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AND FOOT-BALL COACH!

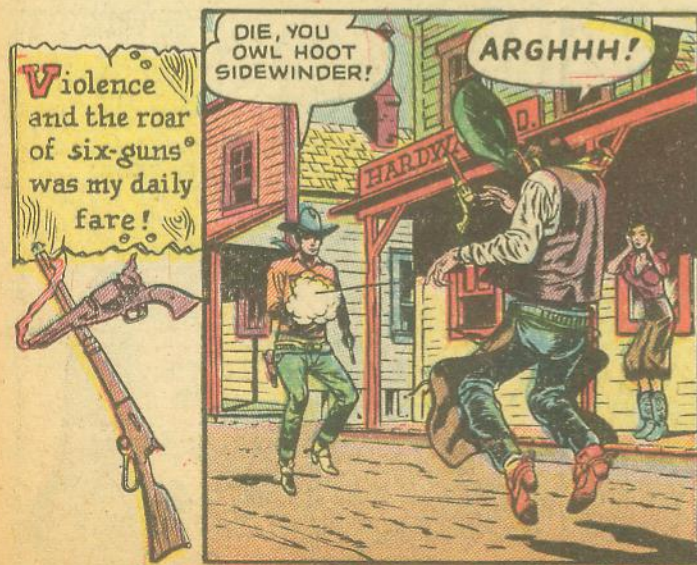
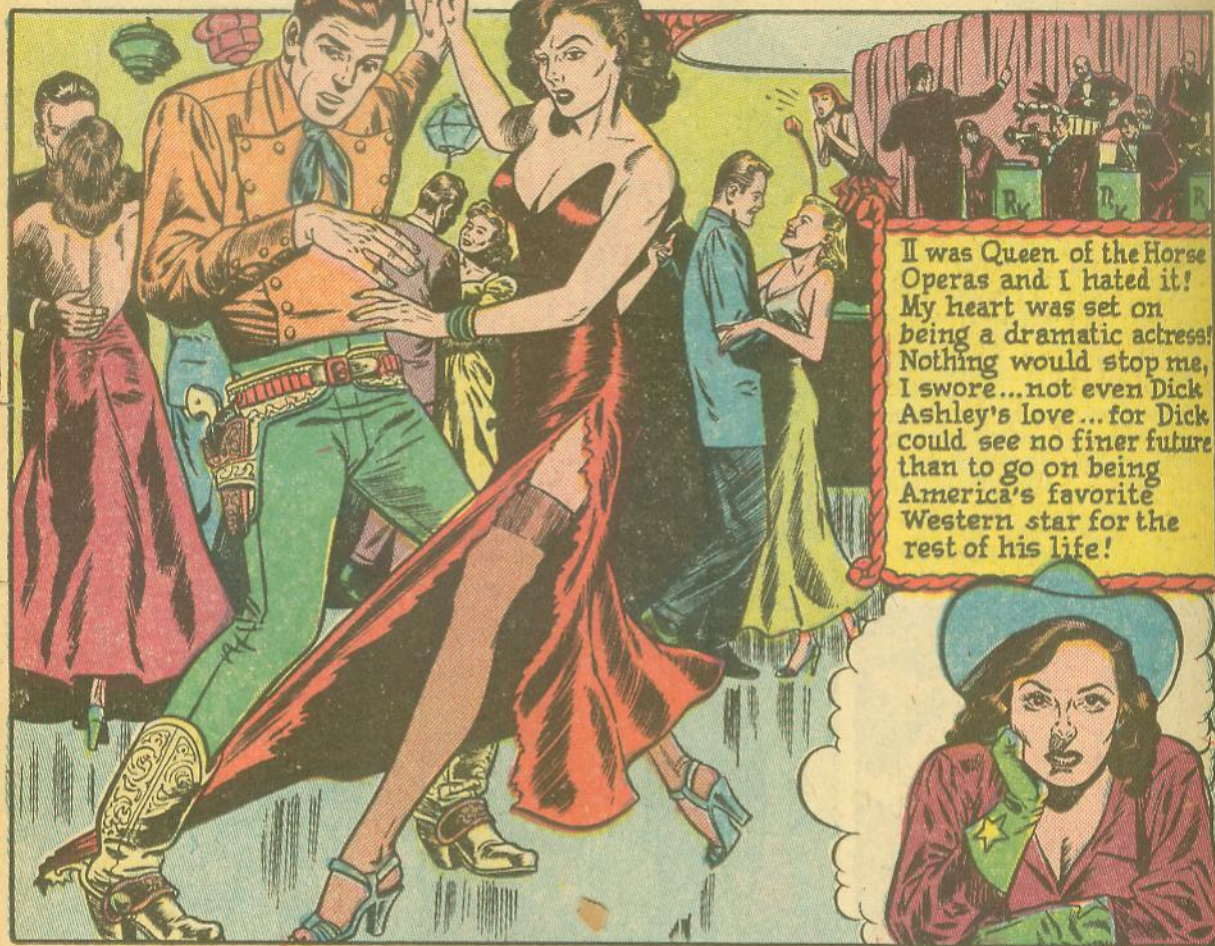
I'M GLAD FOR YOU, GREG!

I WANT YOU TO BE GLAD FOR US, JAYNE! IT'S A NICE TOWN I'M GOING TO! IT'LL BE A SWEET SPOT FOR A COACH'S WIFE...IF THE WIFE HAS KNOCKED THE ACTING BUG OUT OF HER SYSTEM! WHAT'S YOUR ANSWER, HONEY?

OH, DARLING, THE BUG'S BEEN DEAD FOR A LONG TIME, BUT I'VE BEEN TOO PROUD TO ADMIT IT!



My HEART'S in the SADDLE



HONEY, QUIT BITING THE SIX-GUN THAT FEEDS YOU! IF IT WEREN'T FOR WESTERNS, YOU'D STILL BE HOPPING HAMBURGERS AT DOTTY'S DRIVE-IN!

LAY OFF, BURT! JOAN IS JUST TIRED!

RIDE IN WITH ME, SWEET, AND WE'LL FIND A NICE, QUIET SPOT FOR DINNER AND A DANCE OR TWO!

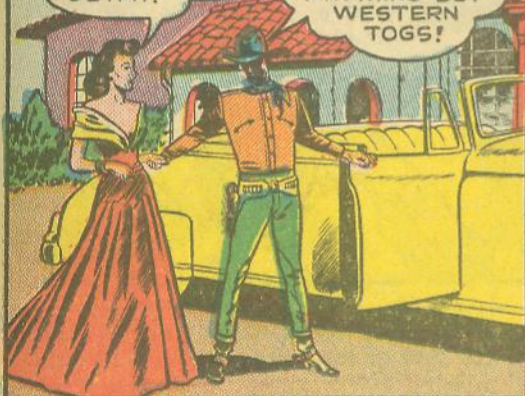
I'D LOVE TO, DICK! BUT DON'T OFFER ME STEAK! EVEN THE THOUGHT OF ANOTHER STEER GIVES ME THE HORRORS!

I'VE GOT TWO WEEKS UNTIL THEY START SHOOTING ON THE NEXT COW CLASSIC! MAYBE I'LL GET MY BREAK BEFORE THEN AND GET OUT!



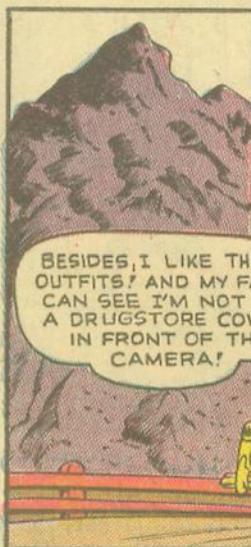
JUST THIS ONCE, COULDN'T YOU WEAR CIVILIZED CLOTHES, DICK? I FEEL LIKE A SIDE-SHOW GOING OUT WITH YOU IN THAT OUTFIT!

AW, HONEY, LET'S NOT START THAT FUSS AGAIN! YOU KNOW MY CONTRACT SAYS I'M NEVER TO BE SEEN IN ANYTHING BUT WESTERN TOGS!



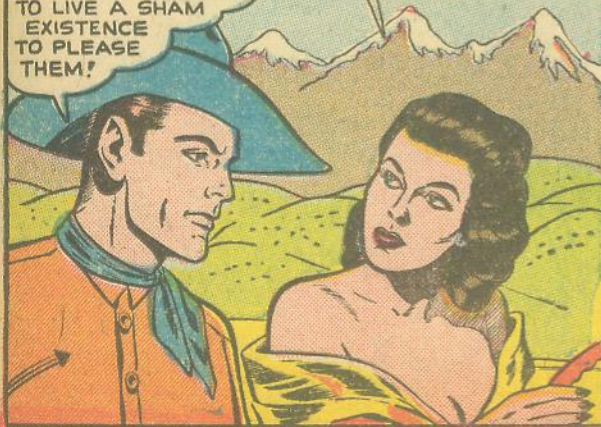
BESIDES, I LIKE THESE OUTFITS! AND MY FANS CAN SEE I'M NOT JUST A DRUGSTORE COWBOY IN FRONT OF THE CAMERA!

YOUR FANS! A BUNCH OF SILLY KIDS AND OVER-AGE JUVENILES!



DARN IT, JOAN, I LIKE MY FANS! I GIVE GOOD, CLEAN ENTERTAINMENT AND I DON'T HAVE TO LIVE A SHAM EXISTENCE TO PLEASE THEM!

WELL, I'VE GOT AMBITION, EVEN IF YOU HAVEN'T, DICK ASHLEY! ONE OF THESE DAYS I'LL BE A REAL DRAMATIC STAR!



OKAY, BUT YOU CAN BE THE BIG STAR IN MY LIFE ANY DAY YOU'LL SAY THE WORD! IF YOU REALLY LOVED ME!

I DO LOVE YOU, DICK, BUT MY GOAL COMES AHEAD OF MARRIAGE!



Why did every evening with Dick turn into the same old endless argument?



YOU'RE WRONG, HONEY! A GOOD JOB, WELL AND HONESTLY DONE, IS THE GOAL TO GO AFTER! YOU'RE GOOD IN WESTERNS, LOVED BY MILLIONS!

IT'S NO USE, DICK! WE'RE BOTH DESTINED FOR SOMETHING BETTER! YOU COULD HANDLE DRAMATIC PARTS PERFECTLY!

I CAN HANDLE A WALTZ STILL BETTER! LET'S DANCE! I WAS BORN A COWHAND AND I'LL STAY ONE! LET IT GO AT THAT!

YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY HOPELESS!

BUT I LOVE YOU SO! WHY MUST YOU BE SO STUBBORN WHEN IT'S YOUR FUTURE AS WELL AS MINE I'M CONCERNED WITH?

SWEETHEART, I'VE GOT ALL THE FUTURE I'LL EVER WANT RIGHT HERE IN MY ARMS!

Just then I looked up and my heart almost stopped beating!

WHAT IS IT, JOAN? YOU LOOK SO FUNNY!

LOOK, DICK, THERE'S WALTER PRINE, THE BIG STAR! HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE LOOKING FOR A LEADING LADY FOR HIS NEXT PICTURE!

Suddenly I knew this was my big chance...and nothing else mattered! I pretended to stumble...



Then I stepped back quickly!

OH...! MY GOWN!

WHA...? OH, FOR GOSH SAKE! MY DAWGGONE SPUR!

It was a cruel, terrible thing to do to Dick...but the fire of my ambition had consumed every qualm!

WELL, DON'T JUST STAND THERE! GET ME A COAT OR SOMETHING TO COVER UP WITH!

BUT-BUT...I DON'T HAVE ANY COAT!



My scheme worked! Walter Prine leaped from his table!

HERE, PLEASE TAKE MINE!

OH, THANK YOU SO MUCH!

IF YOU'LL COME ALONG UNTIL I FIND A CAB, YOU CAN HAVE YOUR COAT BACK, MR. PRINE!

I HAVE A MUCH BETTER IDEA!

LET THE COWBOY COMIC TAKE CARE OF THE CHECK AND I'LL DRIVE YOU HOME! MY CAR IS OUTSIDE!

THAT'S KIND OF YOU, BUT I WOULDN'T WANT TO SPOIL YOUR DINNER!



THIS IS WORTH TWENTY DINNERS, MISS... HAVEN'T I SEEN YOU SOMEWHERE BEFORE?

NOT UNLESS YOU HAVE A SECRET PASSION FOR HORSE OPERAS! THAT'S WHERE I'VE BEEN STUCK, WAITING FOR A BETTER PART TO COME ALONG! I'M JOAN LEE!



HMMM! HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY OUT FOR MY LEAD? YOU'RE THE TYPE WHO'D FIT WELL WITH THE RUGGED MASCULINE PART I PLAY!

HOW WOULD I LIKE IT? I RATHER DO THAT THAN BE PRESIDENT!

I'LL PICK YOU UP AT NOON TOMORROW! WE'LL HAVE LUNCH AND MAKE THE TESTS! SOMEHOW I HAVE A FEELING YOU'LL WIN!

IF I DON'T PASS OUT FROM EXCITEMENT BEFORE THEN! GOOD NIGHT, WALTER!

In the midst of my excitement, the door buzzer sounded...

IT WORKED! IT WORKED! I'M GOING TO BE A STAR...! OH, THE DOOR!





OH...! DICK, IT'S YOU! I...I...! WON'T YOU COME IN?

YOU FORGOT YOUR EVENING BAG, JOAN! I ONLY STOPPED TO LEAVE IT! THERE'S NO PLACE IN YOUR LIFE FOR A COWBOY COMIC!



DICK, YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND!

OH, BUT I DO! YOU HOOKED MY SPUR INTENTIONALLY, DIDN'T YOU, JOAN? YOU'D MAKE A FOOL OF ME TO FURTHER YOUR SELFISH AMBITIONS!



IT'S A FAIR START FOR THE LIFE OF GLITTER AND BROKEN PROMISES YOU SEEM TO PREFER! I WISH YOU LUCK, MY DEAR! GOOD-BYE!

NOT GOOD-BYE! DICK! LISTEN TO ME!

For a moment, my burning desire for stardom almost wavered! Then I steeled myself to carry on!

WHEN I'M A GREAT ACTRESS, WINNING ACCLAIM EVERYWHERE, YOU'LL BEGIN TO UNDERSTAND, DICK! THIS IS THE REAL LIFE! YOURS IS THE IMITATION!



Walter took me to lunch at the Green Hat!

AFTER LUNCH WE'LL GET THE CONTRACT SIGNING OUT OF THE WAY AND START PLANNING YOUR PUBLICITY, JOAN!

BUT I HAVEN'T HAD MY SCREEN TEST YET!



YOU'VE ALREADY HAD IT! I SAW SOME OF YOUR HORRIBLE WESTERNS THIS MORNING! YOU SHONE LIKE A DIAMOND IN ALL THAT MUCK! YOU'RE IN!

IT'S HAPPENED! MY DREAM OF DREAMS HAS REALLY COME TRUE.. THANKS TO YOU!



YOU'LL NEED A LOVE AFFAIR! I'M BEING TIED IN WITH SANDRA DORNE RIGHT NOW! MAYBE WE CAN PAIR YOU WITH MITCHELL WADE...!

L-LOVE AFFAIR? BUT-BUT I DON'T EVEN KNOW MITCHELL WADE, EXCEPT ON THE SCREEN! I-I DON'T WANT ANY LOVE AFFAIR!



MY DEAR, YOUR FANS WILL EXPECT BREATHLESS ROMANCE... LOTS OF IT! BUT DON'T WORRY... I'LL HAVE PUBLICITY DROP SANDRA AND PAIR ME WITH YOU!

YOU-YOU MEAN ALL THAT GOSSIP COLUMN MATERIAL IS JUST PUBLICITY? MAYBE DICK WAS RIGHT!



The publicity department put me through a dizzy whirl!



I'M RELEASING A STORY THAT YOU TWO ARE VISITING LUMBER CAMPS FOR ATMOSPHERE FOR "HEART OF OAK"!

GREAT! I'D LIKE TO GET OUT OF THE CITY AND ROUGH IT A BIT!



HEAVEN FORBID! WE'LL SPEND THE TIME UNDER A SUN LAMP HERE IN CIVILIZATION! AT LEAST WE'LL GET DECENT FOOD!

YOU'RE STUDIO PROPERTY NOW, MISS LEE... TOO VALUABLE TO BE RISKED ON SUCH TRIPS! IT'S JUST PUBLICITY FOR EASTERN PAPERS!



YOU'RE MAKING A PERSONAL APPEARANCE AT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL TOMORROW NIGHT FOR THEIR ANNUAL STAR SHOW! BOTH OF YOU!

OH, GOOD HEAVENS... THAT AGAIN? WHAT POSSIBLE GOOD COULD THOSE CHILDREN DO US? THEY'RE NOT OUR PUBLIC!

I'D LIKE TO VISIT THE HOSPITAL! DICK AND I ALWAYS PUT ON A WESTERN SHOW FOR THEM EVERY YEAR AND THEY LOVED IT!

THEN THIS IS A MISTAKE, JOAN! WE WANT EVERYONE TO FORGET YOUR SORDID HORSE-OPERA BACKGROUND AS FAST AS POSSIBLE!



BUT IT'S TOO LATE TO GET OUT OF IT NOW! WE'LL MAKE IT BRIEF AND THEN GO TO A NIGHT CLUB AND RELAX!

I GUESS MAYBE I'M A LITTLE OLD-FASHIONED EVEN YET!



We rode to the hospital in style the next morning!

WE BOW AND SMILE AND AUTOGRAPH A FEW CASTS AND THEN GET OUT FAST! FIFTEEN MINUTES IN THERE IS ALL I COULD STAND!

I WONDER HOW SOME OF THE CHILDREN STAND IT FOR MONTHS OR YEARS!



We reached the hospital auditorium and my heart turned over!

WHY... IT'S DICK! I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN HE'D BE HERE!

IGNORE HIM! WE CAN'T HAVE SOME NOSY REPORTER TYING YOUR NAME IN WITH SECOND-RATERS!

A cry of protest rose to my lips but I choked it back!



ALL...ALL RIGHT, WALT! BUT I CAN'T JUST COLD-SHOULDER HIM!

GOOD EVENING! IT WAS SO NICE OF YOU TO COME!



SORRY YOU HAVE TO WAIT BUT DICK ASHLEY ALWAYS GIVES THE CHILDREN A BIG SHOW AND THEY LOVE IT!

LEAVE IT TO THE HAMS TO HOG THE SPOTLIGHT EVERY TIME!



THANKS, DICK ASHLEY! NOW KIDS, HERE'S THAT HE-MAN MOVIE FAVORITE, WALTER PRINE, WITH HIS NEW LEADING LADY, JOAN LEE!



Then, without warning, the horror struck!

DOCTOR, THE BUILDING'S ON FIRE! WE'VE GOT TO GET THE CHILDREN OUT WITHOUT PANIC!

GOOD HEAVENS! START MOVING THE WHEEL CHAIRS! I'LL TRY TO KEEP THE CRUTCH CASES FROM STAMPEDING!



THERE WON'T BE ANY STAMPEDE! YOU GO AHEAD WITH YOUR JOB! I'LL HANDLE THINGS!

KIDS! HOW ABOUT A GOOD OLD WESTERN SONG?

It happened so fast, we were paralyzed! Then Walter grabbed my wrist!

FIRE! QUICK, JOAN! WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE THEY JAM THE EXITS WITH THOSE CLUMSY CHAIRS AND BEDS! HURRY!



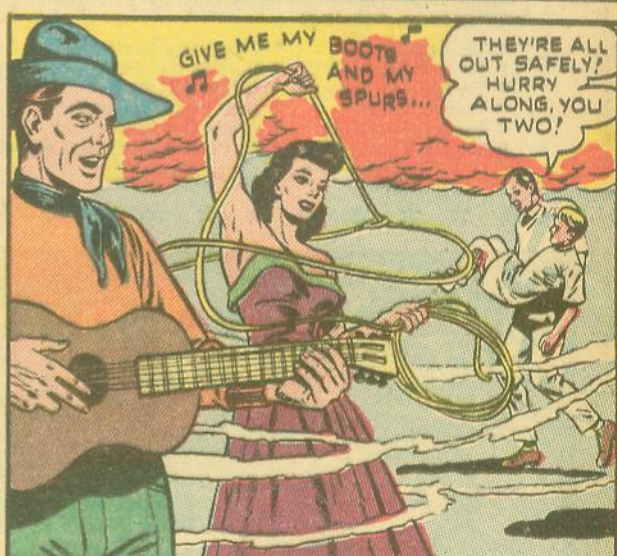
GRAB THE OTHER END OF THIS COT! WE CAN MOVE IT OUT THE SIDE DOOR!

DO YOU THINK I'M CRAZY? WE'RE GETTING OUT BEFORE WE'RE TRAPPED!

Suddenly
all the
shameful
pretense
and
falseness
of my new
life dropped
away!



Then the internes and attendants came rushing in to take over!



Then we were outside and firemen quickly stifled the blaze! But who could extinguish the burning shame in my heart?



YOU WERE RIGHT, DICK! THE GOAL I THOUGHT I WANTED WAS ALL GLITTER AND DROSS! IT'S NOT MY KIND OF LIFE AFTER ALL!



OH, I DO, DICK! BUT HOW ABOUT THAT OTHER ROLE... THE STAR IN YOUR LIFE? IS THAT STILL OPEN, TOO?



DEAREST, IF THE RING ISN'T PLUMB WORN OUT FROM CARRYING IT AROUND, I'LL PUT IT ON YOUR FINGER RIGHT NOW!

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TICKET

THREE YEARS AGO, BILL DENNIS AND I WERE HIGH SCHOOL SWEETHEARTS... WITH OUR WEDDING PLANNED FOR AFTER OUR GRADUATION...AND CO-STARRING ROLES IN THE SENIOR PLAY! THEN, FATE SKYROCKETED BILL TO FILM SUCCESS... AND PLUNGED ME INTO TRAGEDY!

OH, MOTHER, ISN'T LIFE WONDERFUL? TONIGHT BILL AND I STAR TOGETHER... AND SOON WE'LL BE TOGETHER ALL OUR LIVES!

I AM HAPPY FOR YOU, LOIS... BUT YOU'RE BOTH SO YOUNG FOR MARRIAGE... ESPECIALLY BILL...

ESPECIALLY BILL... BUT WE'RE THE SAME AGE, MOMMY! AND WE'RE SO SURE! DON'T YOU TRY MAKING ME A REAL LIFE JULIET, DARLING!

NO, DEAR... ONLY I COULD WISH FOR A MORE MATURE ROMEO! BUT IT'S TIME TO GO! GOOD LUCK! BE CAREFUL IN THAT BALCONY SCENE!

FIVE MINUTES, MISS ALLEN! HURRY!

BILL HAD BEEN MY HERO SINCE GRADE SCHOOL... WHAT IF HE WAS A LITTLE VAIN AND SELFISH! HE HAD A RIGHT TO BE... WASN'T HE THE HANDSOMEST BOY IN SCHOOL AND THE BEST ACTOR?

"OH, SWEAR NOT BY YON INCONSTANT MOON..."

(WHISPER) BILL, MOVE BACK WHERE YOU BELONG OR THEY WON'T HEAR ME...
HELP!

ROMEO
AND
JULIET

LOIS! GEE... SHE'S UNCONSCIOUS! I... I DIDN'T MEAN...

IS THERE A DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE?

THIS GIRL MUST BE TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL IMMEDIATELY!

THIS IS YOUR FAULT, BILL! IF YOU'D STAYED WHERE YOU BELONGED INSTEAD OF TRYING TO HOG THE SPOT-LIGHT, IT WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED!

YOU'RE CRAZY! SHE JUST LEANED OVER TOO FAR!

HOW IS SHE, DOCTOR? ALL RIGHT? I'M FROM PANTHER FILMS... WANTED TO GIVE HER A SCREEN TEST! BUT NOW...

A SCREEN TEST? GEE--DID--DID YOU WANT ME, TOO?

I'D THOUGHT ABOUT YOU, SON... BUT WE'LL DISCUSS IT AFTER THIS YOUNG LADY'S TAKEN CARE OF!

HOW CAN YOU THINK OF SUCH THINGS, BILL, WHEN LOIS MAY BE... OH, MY BABY GIRL!

I REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS, HOURS LATER, IN A STRANGE, COLD ROOM, MY BODY NUMB WITH PAIN!

MOTHER! MOTHER! I FEEL SO STRANGE... AND MY BACK HURTS... DID I RUIN THE PLAY?

YOUNG LADY, YOU WERE WONDERFUL IN IT! SO MUCH SO, THAT I'M PREPARED TO OFFER YOU A SCREEN TEST... IF... WHEN YOU CAN MAKE IT!

OH, I COULDN'T DO THAT... NOT WITHOUT BILL! BUT YOU'D WANT HIM TOO, OF COURSE!

WELL... YES, HE'S WORTH A TRIAL! SIGN HERE, SON! AND YOU'RE NEXT, MISS ALLEN!



I'M AFRAID YOU'D BETTER NOT PLAN ANYTHING JUST NOW, MY DEAR! YOU'VE HAD A PRETTY BAD FALL!

YOU MEAN... DOCTOR, AM I... AM I CRIPPLED?



NOW, NOW, DON'T LOOK AT THE DARK SIDE! BUT YOU HAVE A LONG, HARD PULL BEFORE YOU CAN THINK OF JAUNTS TO HOLLYWOOD!

DON'T WORRY, LOIS! WHEN I GET TO BE A STAR, I CAN AFFORD THE BEST SPECIALIST IN THE WORLD FOR YOU!



BUT, BILL... OUR WEDDING ...OH, HOW SELFISH OF ME! OF COURSE, YOU MUST GO TO HOLLYWOOD!

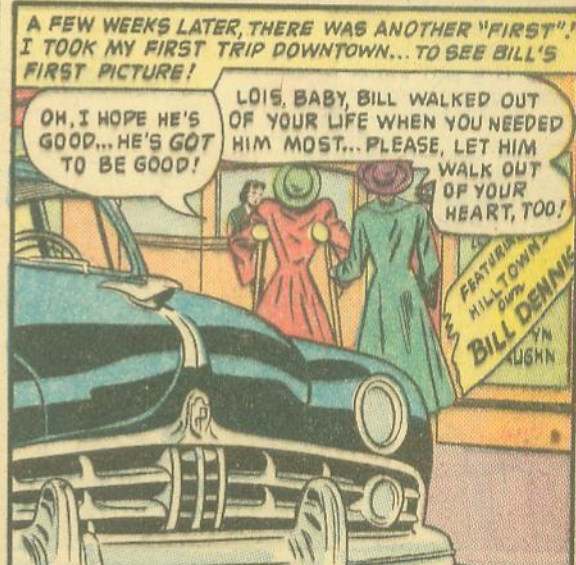
YOU DO UNDERSTAND, DON'T YOU, LOIS? IT'S MY BIG CHANCE... AND, ANYWAY, WE COULDN'T BE MARRIED NOW... TILL YOU'RE WELL, I MEAN!



AFTER BILL LEFT, THERE WERE LONG MONTHS IN BED... MONTHS OF PAIN AND MONOTONY AND PATIENT EXERCISE... BROKEN RARELY BY BILL'S LETTERS... THEN, FINALLY...

I DID IT! I TOOK A STEP!

YOUNG LADY, I'M PROUD OF YOU! YOU'RE A REAL SOLDIER... AND I'M WILLING TO WAGER IN ANOTHER YEAR YOU'LL WALK AGAIN!



A FEW WEEKS LATER, THERE WAS ANOTHER "FIRST"! I TOOK MY FIRST TRIP DOWNTOWN... TO SEE BILL'S FIRST PICTURE!

OH, I HOPE HE'S GOOD... HE'S GOT TO BE GOOD!

LOIS, BABY, BILL WALKED OUT OF YOUR LIFE WHEN YOU NEEDED HIM MOST... PLEASE, LET HIM WALK OUT OF YOUR HEART, TOO!



LOIS! IF YOU DON'T STOP THIS, I INSIST WE LEAVE! IT'S TOO MUCH FOR YOU, WEAK AS YOU ARE!

OH, NO, MOTHER... I'M CRYING FOR HAPPINESS! DON'T YOU SEE... BILL'S GOOD! HE WAS RIGHT TO LEAVE... RIGHT TO SEIZE HIS CHANCE!



AFTERNOON, MISS LOIS! GEE... I BET YOU KNOW EVERY DENNIS PICTURE BY HEART, HUH?

WHY, I... I SUPPOSE I DO, PARKER!

I GUESS HE THINKS I'M FOOLISH TOO, LIKE MOTHER! BUT WHAT OTHER KIND OF ROMANCE IS THERE... FOR A CRIPPLE?

THEN... AFTER I'D ALMOST GIVEN UP HOPE... IT HAPPENED! I COULD WALK! I WAS WELL AGAIN!

WELL, I GUESS MY JOB'S PRACTICALLY OVER! I'LL MISS YOU, MY CHILD! YOU'RE ONE OF THE BRAVEST PATIENTS I'VE EVER HAD!

THANK YOU, DR. LEE... BUT I'M NOT A CHILD ANY LONGER! AND IT'S TIME I STARTED REMEMBERING IT! I'LL GET A JOB...

DON'T RUSH THINGS, MY DEAR! TIME ENOUGH FOR ADULT RESPONSIBILITIES WHEN YOU'RE STRONG AGAIN! NOW, I'D SUGGEST A TRIP SOUTH!

OF COURSE, LOIS! YOU KNOW WE'VE ENOUGH MONEY... AND YOU'VE MISSED SO MUCH PLAY TIME THESE PAST THREE YEARS!

BUT, MOTHER, A TRIP... ALONE... COULD I GO ANYWHERE I WANTED?

YES, MY DEAR... EVEN TO CALIFORNIA! YOU MUST OUTGROW YOUR DREAM OF BILL, LOIS... BUT YOU HAVE TO DO THE JOB ALONE!

M-MY KNEES ARE TREMBLING! AND IT'S NOT FROM WEAKNESS, EITHER! I... I'M SCARED!

EXCUSE ME... BUT AREN'T YOU MISS ALLEN OF HILLTOWN?

WH... WHY YES! ARE... DID BILL SEND...

BILL? NO... I'M CLAY GREEN, DR. LEE'S NEPHEW! HE WIRED THAT YOU WERE COMING, AND ASKED ME TO MEET YOU!

OH, THAT WAS VERY KIND, BUT I REALLY DIDN'T NEED A GREETER! THEY STILL THINK I'M AN INVALID CHILD!

REALLY, YOU DON'T LOOK EITHER SICK OR JUVENILE TO ME... I'M HAPPY TO SAY! NOW, HOW ABOUT LUNCH? A MOVIE STAR WITH EVERY MENU?

A... A MOVIE STAR? I GUESS THAT WOULD BE FUN!

PERHAPS... PERHAPS BILL WILL BE THERE!

NOT HALF AS MUCH FUN AS WATCHING THEM STARE AT YOU! YOU'LL OUTSHINE THEM ALL!



YOU ARE A MOVIE FAN, AREN'T YOU?
I'M SORRY...I WAS JUST LOOKING FOR...FOR SOME STARS! ARE...ARE YOU A DOCTOR TOO, MR. GREEN?



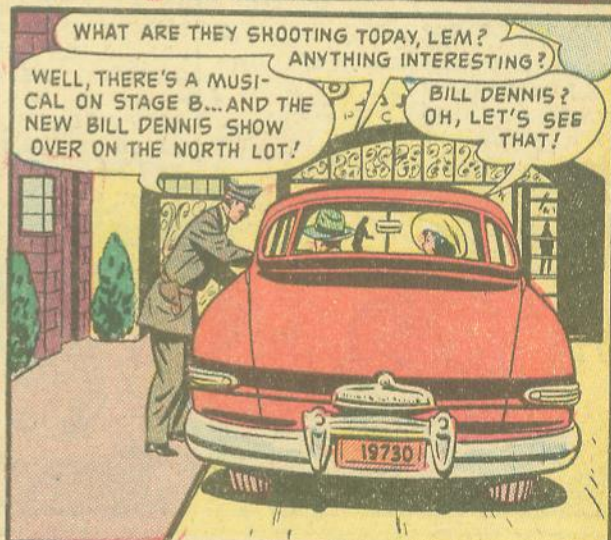
NO...JUST A SCRIPT DOCTOR! I WRITE FOR PANTHER FILMS... BY THE WAY, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THE STUDIO TOMORROW?
PANTHER FILMS? OH, YES, I'D LOVE TO SEE IT, CLAY! THANK YOU!
THAT'S BILL'S STUDIO! NOW I'LL HAVE TO SEE HIM!



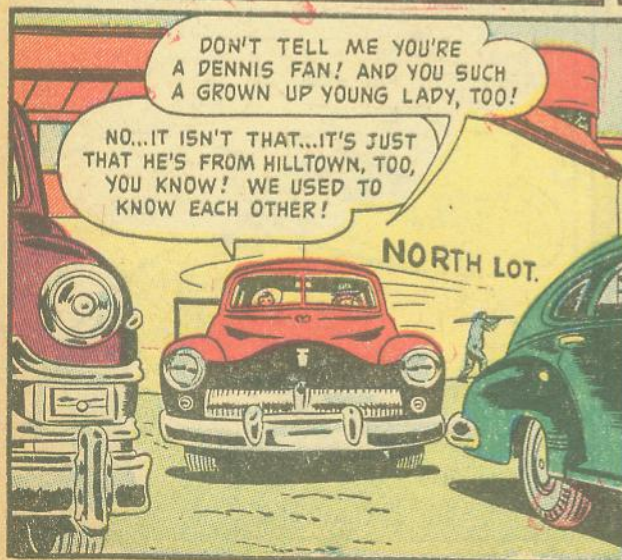
NEXT MORNING, DRESSED IN MY SMARTEST CLOTHES, I WAITED IMPATIENTLY FOR CLAY, AND MY CHANCE TO SEE BILL...
WHAT A BEAUTIFULLY UNFEMININE TRAIT, LOIS...YOU'RE EARLY!
I...I THOUGHT WE MIGHT AS WELL GET THERE BEFORE IT'S TOO HOT! DO I LOOK ALL RIGHT?



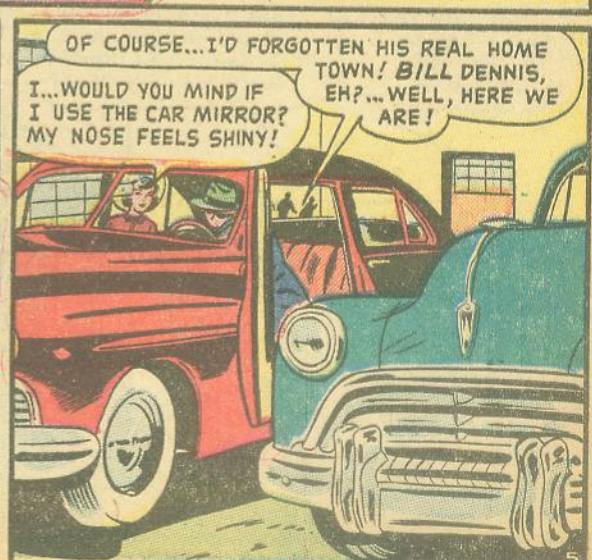
YOU'RE EVEN LOVELIER THAN YESTERDAY... BUT, SOMEHOW, I DIDN'T THINK YOU CARED WHETHER OR NOT I NOTICED IT!
OF COURSE I DO! AND THANK YOU, CLAY!
I'M NOT BEING FAIR TO HIM... HE'S AWFULLY NICE... BUT, AFTER ALL, I'VE LOVED BILL ALL MY LIFE!



WHAT ARE THEY SHOOTING TODAY, LEM? ANYTHING INTERESTING?
WELL, THERE'S A MUSICAL ON STAGE B... AND THE NEW BILL DENNIS SHOW OVER ON THE NORTH LOT!
BILL DENNIS? OH, LET'S SEE THAT!



DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE A DENNIS FAN! AND YOU SUCH A GROWN UP YOUNG LADY, TOO!
NO...IT ISN'T THAT...IT'S JUST THAT HE'S FROM HILLTOWN, TOO, YOU KNOW! WE USED TO KNOW EACH OTHER!



OF COURSE...I'D FORGOTTEN HIS REAL HOME TOWN! BILL DENNIS, EH?...WELL, HERE WE ARE!
I...WOULD YOU MIND IF I USE THE CAR MIRROR? MY NOSE FEELS SHINY!

SO, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THREE YEARS, I SAW BILL! MY HEART POUNDED...AND YET...HE SEEMED LESS REAL, SOMEHOW, THAN HIS PICTURES... FAR LESS REAL THAN MY DREAMS!

(WHISPER) KEEP VERY QUIET, LOIS! THEY'RE SHOOTING!

CUT! THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY!

ABOUT TIME! YOU SHOULD HAVE A STUNT MAN TO CARRY THIS BABE!

GOOD OLD TEMPERAMENTAL DENNIS... THOUGH I DOUBT THE "MENTAL" PART!

I'D GROWN SO USED TO DEFENDING BILL... I COULDN'T STOP MYSELF!

HE'S NOT TEMPERAMENTAL! THAT GIRL WAS HEAVY, AND IT'S HOT, AND...

HI, CLAY! HOW'S MY NEW SCRIPT COMING? AND WHO... WHY... LOIS! I THOUGHT YOU WERE STILL... GEE, I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU, DARLING!

YOU LOOK WONDERFUL, BILL! I...I DID WRITE TO SAY I WAS COMING, BUT I GUESS YOUR SECRETARY MISLAID

DARLING! HE CALLED ME DARLING? HE DOES STILL CARE!

SURE...I GUESS SHE DID, SWEET-HEART! GLAD YOU CAME BY... SAY, CLAY, CAN'T YOU BUILD UP MY ROLE? AFTER ALL, I'M THE HERO!

SUPPOSE WE DISCUSS IT LATER, BILL... RIGHT NOW, I'M SURE LOIS WOULD LIKE TO SIT DOWN AND HAVE A BITE TO EAT...

OH...WELL, I'LL SEE YOU LATER, THEN! WISH I COULD JOIN YOU, BUT I'M BUSY! GLAD I SAW YOU LOIS... LET'S HAVE DINNER SOME TIME!

I'M SORRY, LOIS! I WARNED YOU DENNIS HAD GONE HOLLYWOOD!

THAT'S NOT FAIR! HE CAN'T HELP BEING BUSY...HE'S WORKING! AND AN ACTOR HAS TO HAVE TEMPERAMENT!

YOU DON'T... AND I'LL BET YOU CAN OUTACT BILL NINE TO ONE! COME ON... TAKE A SCREEN TEST AND PROVE I'M RIGHT!

OH, I COULDN'T! I HAVEN'T ACTED FOR YEARS... YOU'RE JUST JOKING, AREN'T YOU?



OF COURSE I'M NOT JOKING! THAT'S THE FINALE TO ALL OUR TOP GRADE TOURS! COME ON ... IT'S JUST FOR THE EXPERIENCE!

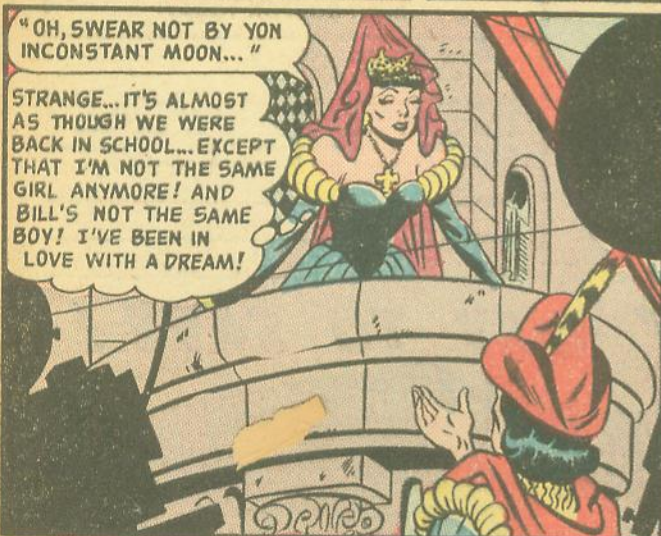
WELL... IF IT'S ONLY FOR FUN! BUT I'LL FEEL SILLY! AND THE ONLY ROLE I REALLY KNOW IS "JULIET"!

I HARDLY RECOGNIZED MYSELF, WHEN THE MAKE-UP AND COSTUME ARTISTS FINISHED! ONCE MORE I WAS JULIET... BUT WITH WHAT A DIFFERENCE! I RAN TO SHOW CLAY...



BILL! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? AND IN THAT COSTUME?

I SAW HIM SITTING AROUND AND...ER... PERSUADED HIM TO HELP YOU IN THE TEST! BETTER GET IN PLACE!



"OH, SWEAR NOT BY YON INCONSTANT MOON..."

STRANGE... IT'S ALMOST AS THOUGH WE WERE BACK IN SCHOOL... EXCEPT THAT I'M NOT THE SAME GIRL ANYMORE! AND BILL'S NOT THE SAME BOY! I'VE BEEN IN LOVE WITH A DREAM!



CUT! FINE WORK, MISS ALLEN!

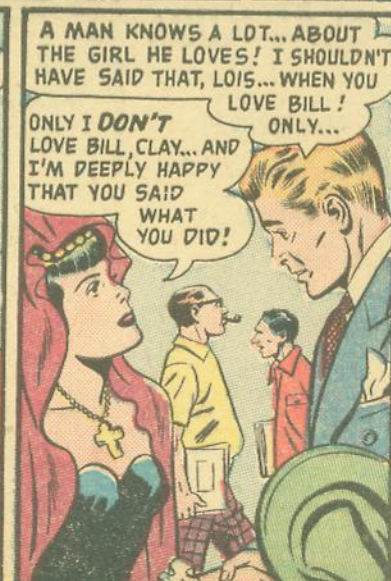
YOU'RE BETTER THAN EVER, LOIS! AND PRETTIER THAN EVER... I... I GUESS I JUST DIDN'T NOTICE THIS MORNING... YOU'VE GROWN UP!

YES, BILL, I HAVE GROWN UP, AT LAST! AND, THOUGH YOU'LL NEVER KNOW WHY, I HAVE YOU TO THANK FOR IT! GOOD-BYE, BILL!



YOU WERE WONDERFUL, LOIS! I'M WILLING TO BET THAT TEST BRINGS CONTRACT OFFERS TOMORROW ... AND I SEE YOU HAVE BILL BACK, TOO!

HOW... HOW DID YOU KNOW ABOUT BILL?



A MAN KNOWS A LOT... ABOUT THE GIRL HE LOVES! I SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID THAT, LOIS... WHEN YOU LOVE BILL! ONLY...

ONLY I *DON'T* LOVE BILL, CLAY... AND I'M DEEPLY HAPPY THAT YOU SAID WHAT YOU DID!

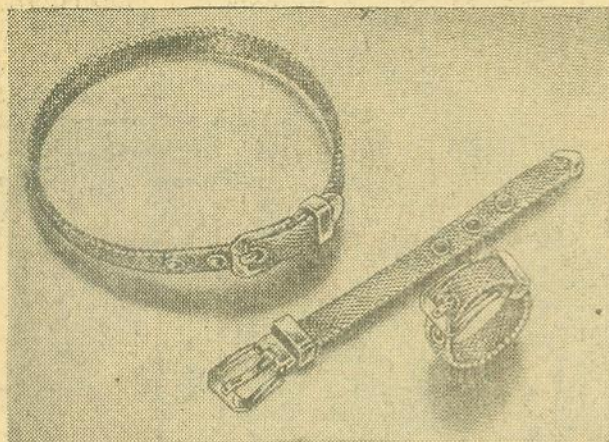


... AND WITH CLAY'S STRONG ARMS AROUND ME, ALL MY LONELY YOUNG DREAMS MELTED UNDER THE GLORIOUS FLAME OF TRUE LOVE!

LOIS, DARLING, I'LL WORK THE REST OF MY LIFE TO MAKE YOU LOVE ME!

THAT'S AN AWFUL LOT OF TIME TO SPEND, CLAY, WHEN YOU'VE DONE SO WELL IN JUST TWO DAYS!

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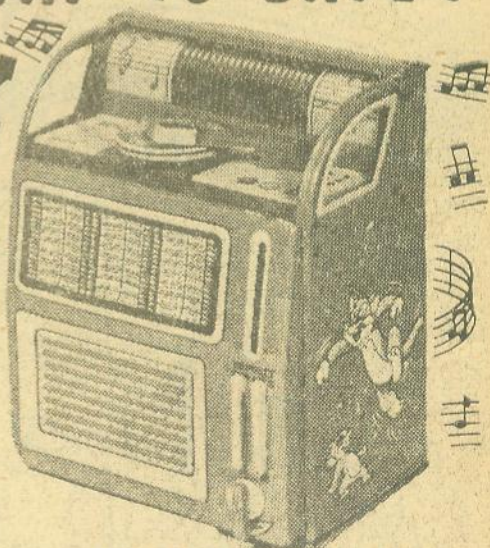
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